

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

Access to the local loop for communications is a public right and can not be dominated or monopolized by the incumbents. Times have changed and it is simply not possible to build a competitive local loop for many if not most of today's communication systems. Therefore, the local loop must stay available to all providers to encourage competition and innovation. Only this way can we have progress and ensure the public needs are served best.

Sincerely,

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